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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ADDIS ABABA,
DAR ES SALAAM, JIDDA, LONDON, NAIROBI, PORT LOUIS,
TANANARIVE FROM PARIS JUN 15.

QUOTE PARIS 16652.

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SUBJ: COMORIAN INDEPENDENCE

REF: PARIS 16403 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TERRITORIES STASI AND COMORIAN PRIME
MINISTER ABDALLAH SIGNED DECLARATION JUNE 15 UNDER WHICH
COMOROS' ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGH
CONSULTATION OF POPULATIONS OF ARCHIPELAGO AT DATE TO BE
DETERMINED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITHIN PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS
FROM DATE OF DECLARATION.

2. COMMENTING ON DECLARATION, ABDALLAH STATED THAT HIS DELE-
GATION HAD GOT ALL THAT IT WANTED. COMORIAN CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD
BE ATTACHED TO FRENCH EMBASSIES IN MADAGASCAR, KENYA,
TANZANIA, SAUDI ARABIA AND MAURITIUS. COMORO ISLANDS WOULD ALSO
BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETINGS OF OAU AND
OCAM, IF INVITED. COMORO ISLANDS WOULD REMAIN IN FRANC ZONE,
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AND BANK OF COMORES WOULD BE CREATED DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.

3. COMMENT: RELATIVELY LEISURELY PACE OF POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENT MAY COME AS SURPRISE TO COMORIANS. FROM
FRENCH POINT OF VIEW, IT IS INDISPENSIBLE IF ECONOMIC AND
BUREAUCRATIC INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED FOR GENUINE INDEPEN-
DENCE IS TO BE CREATED BEFORE ACTUAL TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY
TAKES PLACE.

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